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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 138
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate NASA scientist Roger Crouch on his upcoming Space Shuttle Columbia flight.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected officials of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those outstanding citizens who have made extraordinary contributions to their chosen fields; and

WHEREAS, Roger Crouch is one such remarkable individual, who will be on board the Space Shuttle Columbia as it blasts off into space on April 3, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crouch will serve as a payload specialist for NASA's first Microgravity Science Laboratory (MS-1) mission flight, thus fulfilling a lifelong dream; and

WHEREAS, a native of Jamestown, Roger Crouch received his bachelor's degree in physics from Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, after graduation from college, Roger Crouch began his illustrious career with NASA at the Langley Research Center in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Roger Crouch began his exemplary tenure at NASA in research; he later received his master's and doctorate degrees and became the chief scientist of the Office of Microgravity Science Laboratory; and

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WHEREAS, in this important position, Mr. Crouch has expertly managed research projects and has contributed significantly to the success of the space shuttle flight experiment since 1985; and

WHEREAS, his admirable perseverance, his many meritorious accomplishments, and his peerless dedication to the Space Shuttle mission distinguishes Roger Crouch as a true leader in scientific research and exploration; and

WHEREAS, Roger Crouch's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mr. Roger Crouch on his upcoming flight aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia on April 3, 1997, and extend to him our best wishes for continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.